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1. Reference is made to telecon between Colonel Erb and [REDACTED] ✓
The following observations are offered:

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A. Original survey, [REDACTED] Field #3, by Colonel Erb and [REDACTED] ✓
developed that sharing this field with Drone Operations fraught with potential
danger from run away drones. Evidence plainly visible as a result of hangar
damage from such a run away shortly prior to inspection.

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B. An obvious Security problem in the sharing of this facility with
added Security problem only class six store located at [REDACTED] Field #3 as Field #3 ✓
considered justifiably remote location.

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C. The sacrifice of approximately \$39,000 worth of construction for
Admin facilities which, in the opinion of the writer, cannot begin to be dupli-
cated at Field #3. It is obvious that Colonel Erb cannot continue to utilize the
Admin facility at [REDACTED] main and operate from Field #3 and hold daily staff
meetings to say nothing of the problems generated by this degree of separation in
obtaining normal operational control. The distance being in the order of approx-
imately eighteen miles.

D. It must also be considered that such a move would entail the expenditure
of approximately \$70,000 for warehouse space to replace that in which we are now
located. There would also be the further cost of moving all of the shelving, stock,
etc., to a new location.

2. As initially discussed with General Kelly and his staff, it was agreed
that consideration would be given to sole occupancy of this area (Field #3) which
would provide us with the ability to place in force stringent Security measures
eliminating the need for other base traffic in and out of the area. No commitment,
at any time, was made to enhance Field #3 facilities should such an occupancy by
our activity develop.

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